

SEERS GOT SOME OF IT.

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tion and paid the money. It was no use to him.

Officer Charles A. Beck, who has previously testified, then recalled, said he had paid \$10 a month to Capt. Taylor, and afterwards \$10 a month to Capt. Man. Val, when he was on the Providence line pier.

It was for the "Old Man."

"Ward Man Val came to me and said he wanted the money for the 'old man,' and I had to give him all I received. Afterward I paid it to Ward Man Val, and he gave me a receipt for it. It was not a receipt, because it was not an ocean steamship pier. From February till June last he paid me \$10 a month, but he only continued to give up \$10 a month since Capt. Allaire had been in charge. Since Capt. Allaire had been in charge, he had been collecting the money."

Policeman Henry Iermann, who said he had been on twenty years on the force, is now detailed on the American line pier. He received \$10 a week up to June for the "old man."

When he first went on that pier he got only \$5. Gaslin was Captain then. He said he never saw any money of that kind. I don't know. I've been before the Grand Jury.

Mr. Coff said that did not excuse him from answering, and Chairman Lexow assured him of the protection of the Committee. The witness finally said he had never paid a cent to Capt. Gaslin, and had never been asked for anything.

Q. When Capt. Schmittberger came in, didn't you give up something? A. No, sir.

Q. Where did you ever ask for anything? A. No, sir.

Mr. Coff was evidently greatly surprised by this denial of the witness, and changed his course.

Interrogator Got Confused.

He wanted to know why he had accepted money from the Company, and if he did not know why he was blackmailed, Interrogator asked him to answer. Mr. Coff's cross-examination, and could do nothing but twist his fingers and look at the toes of his shoes.

"Look up, look up," Mr. Coff kept repeating, and looking at the toes of his shoes.

He denied that he had boasted before coming before the Committee that the Senators would not take any action against him, and when pushed to a corner came very nearly breaking down completely.

He said he had an account in the Irving Bank and also had charge of some property of his wife's uncle, who was in Germany. He had a small balance in the East River and Manhattan Savings.

He is Property Holder.

He had recently bought a piece of property in the Annexed District, which took all the ready money he had, and he had bought a piece of property in the Annexed District for \$4,500. Interrogator said his balance in the Irving Bank was about \$1,000, as he had received an award from the city for taking a piece off the front of his Caldwell avenue property.

Interrogator, after answering a few more questions about his bank accounts, was asked about the \$5,000 of property he had bought. He said he owned it, and that it was his wife's. The house in which he lived stood in his wife's name. He did not own any stocks or bonds or any real estate.

He was formerly in the 10th Precinct, and had been in the Bowery from 1873 to 1877. Allaire was the Captain, and he thought.

Goway (Georgian) place was in his name, and there were many other dives in the neighborhood.

Q. Wasn't it from these dives-keepers that you made money when you had this real estate? A. No, sir.

The witness explained that when he was first married he lived with his father-in-law and sister-in-law at least 10 a month out of his salary.

Q. Have you been talking with any police officers since you went before the Grand Jury? A. No, sir.

Q. Didn't you speak with some one about your testimony? A. No, sir.

The witness was asked if he had not asked not to repeat his testimony before the Grand Jury, and after a long time, Mr. Coff all the time trying to keep the witness off the floor, where they were continually off the floor, he would not swear that he had not asked to any one.

Q. Give us the name of the official, if you can remember it. A. I can't remember it.

Q. You know very well who it was. A. I can't remember it.

Q. Wasn't it Capt. Schmittberger? A. No, sir.

Q. What police officer was it whom you told what you told me before the Grand Jury? A. I can't remember it.

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Offered Pay to Suppress the Books.

"No, I didn't consider it as offering me a bribe, but when he said that money would be paid for suppressing the books, I at once terminated the interview, and said I would have nothing more to do with him."

Q. Didn't you take money, anyway, and told him so. I wouldn't even take back the \$10. When Mr. Wolf went away he said he would come back and get the rest of the payment made to Capt. Schmittberger. I had nothing more to do with the case.

Officer Patrick Murphy, of the Steamboat Squad, who was formerly in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for fourteen years.

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so crowded that the witnesses he had summoned could not get in.

Senator Pound ordered the room to be cleared of all persons not witnesses who had not seats, and Sergeant-at-Arms Schram endeavored to enforce the order. He did not have much success, though a score or more of the spectators were obliged to leave the room, when they could not produce proper credentials.

When quiet was restored, Mr. Coff proceeded to examine Sgt. Taylor, who is the first witness called by the committee, with closely cropped gray hair.

Taylor Under Fire.

Q. How long have you been on the force? A. I have been on the force for 18 years.

Q. How long have you been sergeant? A. Since 1885.

Q. Where do you live? A. No. 228 West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.

Q. How much of a family have you? A. Four living.

Q. When did you go to the steamboat squad? A. In 1885 or 1882.

Q. Now, Sergeant, said Mr. Coff, "a great many of your subordinate officers say they paid you money while you were on the Captain's list. What do you say to this? Did you receive the money?"

Denies Receiving Money.

"No, sir," replied the witness. "I had no knowledge of such payments."

Q. Now, I want to ask you, the witness, if he would tell the truth he would be fully protected, and Mr. Coff repeated the question.

"I had no knowledge of this while I was on the force, and I never saw any money collected or handed."

Q. How is it after Capt. Schmittberger came in? I heard something about it, but nothing but rumor. I never saw anything to confirm them."

Q. Did you hear the witness? A. He was there about thirteen months, and left in January of 1892. I look upon him as a man who is not to be trusted.

Q. After that you saw Capt. Allaire? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You and he are both there now? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mr. Coff then returned to the point and again asked the witness solemnly, "It is true that the men had paid him money that they had received from the Captain's list? What do you say to that?"

"It is," replied the witness after some hesitation, and he proceeded to tell of several cases where officers had turned over money to him.

Q. How much was it? A. Sometimes it was over \$100 and sometimes it was over \$200.

Q. What did you do with that money, that \$200 a month?

Gave It to Steers.

"I gave the biggest portion of that money," said the witness, "very deliberately, to Inspector Steers."

Q. Did you give it all to Inspector Steers or divide it? A. I went to headquarters every month and gave \$150 of it to Inspector Steers. After Capt. Gaslin left I was not in charge of the pier, and I did not pay the money to Inspector Steers at Police Headquarters.

Q. Did you give the money to Inspector Steers at his home? A. Yes, sir.

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and showing each other in their frantic efforts to be in position near the entrance of the court-room.

The fact that Evelyn Bell, the former keeper of a notorious house in the Tenderloin, had come to town and given bail for her arrest, was another thing that might be required to testify, led many to believe that she might be among to-day's batch of witnesses.

While waiting for the arrival of the chairman and chief counsel the court-room was filled with the low buzz of conversation, and every one was fairly on edge to see what would happen.

It was stated by Mr. Jerome that if any of the indicted police officers should come forward and make a full and open confession there would be no need of asking protection from the Committee. That would be afforded them by the statutory provisions regarding the turning of State witnesses.

Senator Lexow came in at 11.10, and with him was Senator Cantor. The Chairman at once took his place upon the bench and inquired of Mr. Jerome if he was ready to go on in the absence of Mr. Coff. "No, sir, I cannot," replied the latter.

Notified of Creeden's Reinstatement.

Five minutes after, when the senior counsel arrived, Chairman Lexow announced that he had a statement to make.

He said he had been officially informed by the Morning News that the Police Board had rescinded its action in the case of Capt. Creeden, and that he had been reinstated.

"This," said the Chairman, "I understand, is only a temporary reinstatement, and is subject to the suggestion that may be hereafter made by the Committee with reference to Capt. Creeden's case."

The action of the Police Board might have been expected, and commendable under other circumstances, continued Mr. Lexow, "but I may say here that all testimony given by this Committee is subject to the action of the Senate of the State."

Although bowing to public desire, it should be remembered, some of us have the right to hold private sessions, especially in cases like this, where the case, as if no confession had been made or testimony of any kind given, would be a disgrace to the Police Board.

"It is my judgment that any unauthorized use of testimony before this Committee for the purpose of securing the Committee or jeopardizing the witness is a breach of privilege and contempt of the Senate of the State."

Witnesses Must Not Be Prosecuted.

Mr. Coff added that prosecution of any witness who testified before the Committee should be regarded not only as contempt of the Committee, but as an indictable offense.

Senator O'Connor expressed the same view, and declared that the statement of every witness who appeared before the Committee was to be regarded as absolute truth, and that no witness who testified before the Committee should be prosecuted.

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